



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mitchell A. Avery  
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Filed: October 15, 2001  
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Art Unit: 1626  
Title: **SYNTHESIS OF EPOTHILONES AND RELATED ANALOGS**

Examiner: Fiona Powers

Action: **REQUEST FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**  
Date: March 24, 2004

To: Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby requests a five (5) month time extension from October 24, 2003 to March 24, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003. Accordingly, enclosed is our check no. 18246 in the amount of \$1,005.00 to cover this time extension request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

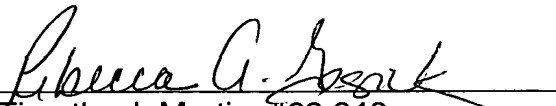
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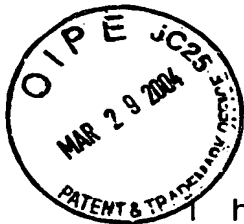
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I hereby certify that the foregoing **REQUEST FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND CHECK NO. 18246 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,005.00** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

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